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SUBJECT: GHANAIAI PARTICIPATION IN AMERICAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL

PLEASE TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY/  
MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IMMEDIATELY:

REFTEL ACCRA 3255

1. SI INFORMED OF GHANAIAI PARTICIPATION JUNE 7TH BY MR. ARTHUR, 3RD. SECRETARY EMBASSY OF GHANA, WASHINGTON. SI RESPONDED BY LETTER TO MR. ARTHUR JUNE 7TH, AND BY CABLE (STATE 125968) TO U.S. EMBASSY, ACCRA JUNE 13TH THAT POSSIBILITY OF ARRANGING GHANAIAI TOUR AT SUCH LATE DATE DOUBTFUL. SI ATTEMPTED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO REOPEN GHANAIAI TOUR WITH HOST CITIES.
2. SI INFORMED JUNE 17TH THAT GOG NOT FINANCING INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FOR GHANAIAI TROUPE AS REQUESTED IN ORIGINAL LETTER OF INVITATION AND SUBSEQUENT CORRESPONDENCE.
3. SI UNABLE TO FINANCE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FOR GHANAIAI TROUPE. POST FESTIVAL FUNDS HAD ALREADY BEEN COMMITTED BEFORE JUNE 7TH.

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4. U.S. GOVERNMENT INVITATION TO GOG FOR FESTIVAL PRESENTATION

WILL NOT ALLOW FOR COMMERCIAL PERFORMANCES FOR GHANAIA  
TROUPE. VISA OFFICE STATED NO DECISION REACHED YET CLASSIFI-  
CATION OF ALIENS DESTINED TO SI FESTIVAL. FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS  
WILL BE SENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

5. SI HAS MADE PLANS FOR GHANAIA PARTICIPATION JULY 3-14 ON  
FESTIVAL SITE, T.V. APPEARANCES, AND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS IN  
WASHINGTON.

6. MEETING HERE WITH JOSEPH ACQUAYE ONLY NOTED WILLINGNESS OF  
WULOMEI TROUPE TO RAISE MONEY FOR TRAVEL TO NEW YORK. WHAT IS  
PRESENT STATUS ON PARTICIPATION OF CRAFTSMEN? ARE THEY COMING  
SEPARATELY? ARE THEY BEING PAID FOR BY GOG? ARE THEY ATTEMPTING  
TO RAISE THEIR OWN FUNDS? OR ARE THEY BEING CANCELLED?

7. SI HOPEFUL THAT GHANAIA TROUPE WILL STILL BE ABLE TO  
ATTEND SI FESTIVAL. WE REGRET CANCELLATION OF POST - FESTIVAL  
TOUR. LACK OF TIME TO ARRANGE FINANCES MADE CIRCUMSTANCES  
BEYOND OUR CONTROL.

8. PHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN BERNICE REAGON AND AMBASSADOR  
HADSELL TODAY REVIEWED ABOVE POINTS, PARTICULARLY CONCERNING M.S.  
VISA AND URGENT NEED FOR INFORMATION ABOUT CRAFTSMEN. URGENTLY  
AWAIT REPLY. KISSINGER

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